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--FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

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Line 7, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Paragraph starting at line 16, please cancel the original paragraph and substitute the following paragraph:

The object is achieved by means of the features of the present invention. The solution is featured by a light-guiding plate provided in the combination instrument,

- into which ambient light is injected from inside or from outside the motor vehicle,
- in which the injected ambient light is guided by means of total reflection at the side of the LC display facing away from the viewer, and
- which has, at the side of the LC display facing away from the viewer, a coating or a structure for extracting the ambient light out of the light-guiding plate there and for injecting the ambient light into the LC display.

Further solution features are

- that the LC display is of transmissive design,
- that the light-guiding plate is composed of plastic,
- that the coating of the light-guiding plate is white and highly reflective,

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- that analog display devices with scales are also provided in the combination instrument, and that the light-guiding plate has a structure or coating which is suitable for the selective extraction of light both in the region of the scales for their divisions and/or division indications, and in the region of the display face of the LC display, that a photosensor is provided which, without being directly influenced by the ambient light, simply senses the intensity of the light present in the light-guiding plate, that, furthermore, LEDs are provided which inject their light into the light-guiding plate and that the intensity of the light emitted by the LEDs is controlled as a function of the light sensed by the photosensor,
- that the LEDs used in conjunction with the photosensor emit white light for a transition from daylight operation to night-time operation which is as neutrally colored as possible,
- that the light-guiding plate extends out of the housing of the combination instrument up to the windshield of the motor vehicle, as a result of which light which is incident into the motor vehicle through the windshield can be injected into the light-guiding plate with minimum possible obstruction,
- that the light-guiding plate which extends out of the housing of the combination instrument is embedded in the dashboard of the motor vehicle, and the dashboard has, in the region in front of the windshield, an opening for the injection of the ambient light into the light-guiding plate,

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that the light-guiding plate is provided in the region in front of the windshield with suitable structures or a coating which reduces the refractive index, said structures or coating promoting the injection of the ambient light into the light-guiding plate.

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Line 28, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

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Line 1, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

IN THE CLAIMS

(APPLICATION PAGES 12-14)

Line 1, delete "Combination instrument for a motor vehicle"

Before claim 1, change "Patent claims" to --I CLAIM--